

John C. Rose "Bud" Jr. (1924-2009)

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John C. "Bud" Rose Jr., a resident of Elko County since 1956, died Aug. 14, 2009 at home surrounded by his family, following a hard battle with cancer. Bud was born August 8, 1924, in Milpitas, California to Carlos and Mae Rose. Bud married Elizabeth Ferreira on July 29, 1945. As a child, Bud always dreamed of becoming a cowboy and being able to someday pilot a plane. Bud grew up working around horses and cattle in Milpitas and Dixon, California. Bud joined the Air Force in 1943. He served as a B17 Flying

Fortress tail gunner in the 8th Air Force, during World War II. He flew 27 missions during the Normandy, Air Offensive Europe, Northern France and Rhineland campaigns. Bud was a very decorated veteran with numerous Medals of Valor including; The Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement", an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and four Bronze Stars. In 1955, the Rose family bought the Drown Ranch in Lee, Nevada and later purchased the Smith Creek Ranch in Jiggs. In 1969, they moved to Elko and became involved in rental properties. Bud also worked in mining and the Forest Service. Bud enjoyed every second he spent in Elko County. He was very involved with his growing children participating in the Ruby Mountain FFA Chapter and serving on the Elko high school rodeo board. In Bud's later years, he enjoyed cowboying on his children's spreads. Right up until the end, Bud took every opportunity to get a horseback, work a cow, or rope a calf. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Liz, sister Geraldine Ferro of Woodland, California, and children, Carla (Dennis) Gilligan, Barbara (Don) Farmer, Jack (Ranae) Rose, and Toni (Larry) Schutte, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, a nephew and 2 nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Dick, two grandsons & a granddaughter. The Rosary will be recited at 7:00 P.M. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 @ Burns Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 @ St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Horizon Hospice at P. O. Box 5361, Elko, NV 89802, or to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1035 "C" Street, Elko, NV 89801.